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SUBJECT: VISIT TO LUANDA

1. IN THE EVENT THAT YOU DO GET TO LUANDA AND HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTERS OTHER THAN NAMIBIA, THE
FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR USE WITH ANGOLAN OFFICIALS.
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2. -- WE ARE GREATLY DISTURBED BY THE NEW INVASION OF SHABA
BY KATANGANS FROM ANGOLA, BY THE EXTENSIVE BLOODSHED WHICH
IT PRODUCED, AND BY THE THREAT TO THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRI-
TY OF ZAIRE.

3. -- WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT'S

QUICK REPLIES TO THE TWO MESSAGES CONCERNING SHABA WHICH WE SENT THROUGH ANGOLAN AMBASSADOR ALMEIDA IN BRUSSELS, AND ESPECIALLY THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCE OF PROTECTION FOR ANY EXPATRIATE RESIDENTS OF SHABA ARRIVING IN ANGOLA AS HOSTAGES OR REFUGEES.

4. -- AT THE SAME TIME, WE NOTE THAT MUCH OF THE KATANGAN FORCE HAS NOW RETURNED TO ANGOLA, AND WE ARE CONCERNED LEST THE INVASION BE REPEATED IN THE FUTURE.

5. -- SINCE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE KATANGANS ARE BASED IN ANGOLA, WE BELIEVE THAT ANGOLA HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO A RESOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ANY THOUGHTS THE ANGOLANS MAY HAVE ON HOW FURTHER KATANGAN STRIKES AGAINST ZAIRE MIGHT BE PREVENTED.

6. -- WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE CONCILIATORY MESSAGES EXCHANGED IN FEBRUARY BETWEEN NETO AND MOBUTU. WE BELIEVE SUCH AN ATTITUDE CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE GOAL OF SECURE BORDERS FOR BOTH ANGOLA AND ZAIRE. WE HOPE THAT THE MEETINGS IN BRAZZAVILLE BETWEEN ANGOLAN AND ZAIRIAN REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE RESUMED SOON.

7. -- WE HAVE RECENTLY STATED THAT WE HOPE U.S.-ANGOLAN RELATIONS CAN IMPROVE. CERTAINLY WHETHER OR NOT THE

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KATANGAN THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED WILL HAVE A BEARING ON THIS.

8. -- WE EXPECT TO BE SPEAKING ALONG THE SAME LINES WITH PRIME MINISTER NASCIMENTO IN NEW YORK THIS WEEK.

9. FYI: FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS MAY FOLLOW. END FYI. VANCE

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